



SATURDAY, - April 28, 1894

### CHURCH HILL NOTES.

Bro. Fleming Allen Passes Away—The Knights of Pythias Anniversary Sermon.

The funeral of Bro. Fleming Allen, who departed this life Friday morning last, the 26th inst., after a protracted illness, took place from the Fourth Baptist Church on Sunday morning last, the pastor, Rev. Evans Payne officiating. The deceased was a faithful and dearly beloved member of the Fourth Baptist Church. He was one of the number who composed the congregation of that church in 1850 and when it was subsequently organized as a regular Baptist Church Dec. 2, 1865. He was for many years Secretary of the well known benevolent society "the Knights of Pythias."

The funeral services at the Fourth Baptist Church have been going on during the past week with unabated interest. The pastor, Rev. Evans Payne assisted by Rev. T. H. Johnson and other brethren including Rev. C. A. Tolson and Rev. Merchant Smith, who represented the Episcopal Seminary have been making earnest appeals to the many anxious souls inquiring the way to a crucified Redeemer.

The Knights of Pythias annual sermon postponed from Easter Sunday on account of unpropitious weather was delivered by Rev. Evans Payne on Sunday Eve., last. There was present a large number of Sir Knights of the several lodges of Richmond and Manchester. Mr. John Mitchell, Jr., with his corps of officers occupied seats on the rostrum. The members of the military rank who represented the Division and others looked handsome in their costly uniforms and the entire assemblage as attested by Rev. Evans Payne was one of the finest and most representative gathering of men of any organization anywhere.

The Sir Knights were highly pleased with Rev. Payne's sermon as was evidenced by their vote of thanks and the amount of collection donated the church.

Mrs. Sallie Howard wife of Deacon John Howard has the sympathy of many friends in her bereavement in the sudden death of her brother Mr. Wm. Clark of Stafford Co., Va.

### BLUEFIELD LETTER.

Miners to Strike—Matrimonial—Church Rally.

BLUEFIELD, W. Va., April 23.

Mr. Editor: The much contemplated strike which was to have gone into effect on Saturday at noon has not materialized as yet. The total number of miners to be involved in the strike were 132,000 including the Pocahontas miners. There were several of the coal operators from Elk Horn in the city Saturday in company with President Kimball of the N. and W. R. Co., and other officials on business of importance concerning the strike for more wages for mining coal from the last report the Flat Top coal region and along the line of the Ohio extension of the N. and W. will not join the foreign miners from the fact, that they are not connected with the United Mine Workers' Association of Pennsylvania. At this writing everything is very quiet about the mines. The miners are still at work.

Forfeigners show here on the 23rd of May, and John Robinson will show May 18th.

The M. E. Church had their rally on last Sunday and raised \$56.85. The pastor, Rev. J. H. Gardner was assisted by Rev. W. H. Pleasant of Tazewell Co., Va., who preached two able sermons. The city was married to Miss Ida E. Hurt, at New Bethel Church near Bedford City March 25th, Rev. S. W. Patterson officiating. The bride and groom went on a bridal tour taking in several of the eastern cities. While in Norfolk we had the pleasure of stopping with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Mills. We were highly entertained by this distinguished and prominent family. Mr. Mills is the captain of the Norfolk military. We also met with Drs. Bowen, Shepherd also Mr. Logan, the secretary of the Y. M. C. A. We enjoyed their company.

Mr. Chas. E. McGhee is on the sick list this week with an attack of rheumatism.

Mr. Henry R. Young who had his leg crushed so badly by being run over by some of the coal-cars also a broken arm, his leg was necessary for amputation. He is doing well at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Patterson arrived in the city a few days ago where they will make Bluefield their home for a while.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Spencer has a very sick daughter, Miss Eliza, with the La Grippe.

Mrs. Lizzie Muse is very low at this writing, and not expected to live. She has been a long sufferer of that disease, consumption. She is only trusting and waiting for Jesus, whom she is confident will give her a home in his kingdom when she has crossed over the river of death.

Rev. S. W. Patterson will leave the city on Wednesday for the "Magic City" on business.

Yours for success,

W. R. P.

DEAR EDITOR:—A Colored Medical School has been recently established by the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Societies in connection with the New Orleans University, 1428 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, La. It admits both men and women students. There is but one colored doctor to every thirty-five thousand colored people in this country.

### HELP.

MEN and WOMEN can earn from 15 to 50 cents an hour at home with my work, steady employment. Send 10 cents cash for sample of work.

B. J. MALLON,

NORFOLK, VA.

### THE REPUBLICANS OF JACKSON WARD.

They Elect a Ward President—Harmonious Religious Address—Resolutions Adopted.

Precinct meetings were held by the Republicans in Jackson Ward, Richmond City, Friday evening, 27th inst., for the purpose of electing five delegates to a ward convention. They were called to meet at 7:30 p. m., and shortly after 8 p. m. all of the precincts had complied.

The following were the delegates: First Precinct: Walter Massey, Thomas P. Jeter, Benjamin Scott, Philmore Scott, W. W. Only, Moses Chamberlayne, precinct chairman.

Second Precinct: Joseph Adams, Charles Young, Napoleon Price, Lawrence Braxton, Edward Darroct, Napoleon Price, precinct chairman.

Third Precinct: Edward Black, Lewis Braxton, William Warren, W. H. Quarles, Peter Adams, R. J. Christian, precinct chairman.

Fourth Precinct: John G. Smith, Henry C. Hunter, Alexander Spottwood, Charles White, Albert Smith, Benjamin P. Vandervall, precinct chairman.

The Republican Ward Convention was called to order at Hayes' Hall, Friday at 9 p. m., with Edward Black, temporary chairman; W. H. Robinson, temporary secretary.

Prayer was offered by Charles Barrett.

Committee on credentials consisted of Napoleon Price, T. P. Jeter, William Warren and Alexander Spottwood.

A committee on permanent organization consisting of Peter Adams, W. W. Only, Napoleon Price, J. G. Smith, made its report. Edward Black, chairman; Walter Mason, secretary. It was adopted.

The election of President of Jackson Ward was proceeded with. Charley Young of the Second Precinct made a most eloquent speech in placing John Mitchell, Jr., in nomination and the assemblage applauded him to the echo. Several speeches endorsing the nomination were made. The convention was polled and all of the delegates voted in favor of John Mitchell, Jr. by W. W. Only of the First Precinct, the vote being 19 to 1. A motion to make it unanimous was carried amidst the greatest applause.

A committee consisting of Benj. Scott, Henry Hunter, W. H. Quarles and Joseph Adams, was appointed to wait upon Mr. Mitchell and bring him in. After the appointment of the committee on resolutions, Mr. Mitchell made a speech explaining the situation, showing the need of a compact organization, in order to be prepared for the pernicious legislation which the Democrats had enacted.

Republicans must get their transfers and register in order to maintain Republican supremacy in the Ward. He described the present situation in the country, and showed that the attempt to injure the colored men had reacted upon the men who inaugurated the movement.

The committee on resolutions made the following report: Deeming it wise and expedient that a closer and better organization of the Republican voters of Jackson Ward is necessary for the propagation of Republican ideas and the supremacy of Republican principles, we the delegates duly elected from the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th precincts of said ward, for the purpose of electing a president of the same do define his powers as follows:

He shall serve for a term of four years beginning May 1, 1894. He shall have the power to call the voters of the ward together for the nomination of a ward ticket, delegates to any Republican city, district or state convention.

He shall appoint an advisory committee consisting of one member from each precinct, of which committee he shall be ex-officio chairman.

He shall call the regular ward convention to order, unless by indisposition or some other cause in which case the Advisory Committee may name a person so to act.

The ward convention shall then proceed to elect its chairman.

In case of a vacancy by death or other cause, the Advisory Committee shall name his successor to act, who shall call a ward convention within nine days from the time the vacancy occurred for the purpose of electing a president of the ward.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted after which the meeting adjourned.

Appointments by the Brigadier General A. K. of F.

OFFICE OF THE BRIGADIER GENERAL, OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY, OF P. O. N. A. 6, 7, & 8 N. 14TH STREET, RICHMOND, VA., April 16, 1893.

GENERAL ORDERS: The following Sir Knights have been appointed on the staff of the Brigadier General and they will be respected and obeyed accordingly: John Mitchell, Jr., Assistant Adjutant General; M. D. Mickens, Assistant Inspector General; William Troy, M. D., Assistant Surgeon General; James T. Thompson, Assistant Master General; Aide de Camp, Walker Johnson, Jesse Scruggs and W. W. Manna.

W. R. GREEN, Brigadier General.

JOHN MITCHELL, JR., Adjutant General.

### TO THE CHURCH-GOING PUBLIC.

I take great pleasure in announcing that I have constantly on hand the Hymn Books used in all of the Baptist, Methodist and Episcopal Churches in the city.

BAPTIST HYMNAL, music and word editions. Psalmist with supplement and Baptist Psalms in sheep morocco and gilt. Baptist Hymn and Tune Book. A. M. E. Church Hymns. Common Prayer-book—new edition. This is the only reliable place to get the right book for the right church.

Books for their use of all kinds, viz: Anthems, Songs and Metres, Bibles, maps, church supplies and Sunday-school requisites all of which are sold at reasonable prices. Liberal discounts in quantities for cash. You are cordially invited to examine my stock.

Respectfully, W. H. ANDERSON, 222 E. Broad St., Richmond, Va.

At the solicitation of many friends in all parts of the ward I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the Board of Aldermen from Jackson Ward and by their request withdraw my former card subject to Republican Nomination Convention.

Very Respectfully,

JOHN G. SMITH.

### THE PRIZE CONTEST.

The List of the Workers—Persons Who Are Sure of Prizes—When the Election Will End—Lively Controversy.

The Prize Ticket Contest is awakening a widespread interest. We publish a list of those who hold tickets, together with the number which they have received. This publication will be continued from week to week.

Every person who sells twenty prize tickets will receive a prize, so if you have disposed of that number you are sure.

The ten highest will each receive in addition to the one given for the number of tickets sold. The contest will continue thirty weeks, ending Nov. 15, '94 so each person will have an opportunity to win from a gold ring to a gold watch, from a bedroom set to a parlor suit. Five hundred dollars worth of prizes will be distributed. Here are the ticket-sellers and the number of tickets they have secured at the office.

1. John L. Mines, 40
2. Reuben Mitchell, 40
3. Edward Hall, 40
4. W. E. Taylor, 20
5. Junius F. Walker, 35
6. Miss Nannie O. Daniel, 10
7. Mrs. Charlotte Dabney, 30
8. Trenton Blake, 10
9. Miss L. Stevens, 10
10. Lucy P. Gatewood, 10
11. Miss Elizabeth L. Jordan, 10
12. Mrs. Sarah Mitchell, 10
13. John T. Bell, 10
14. K. C. Council, 10
15. J. C. Randolph, 10
16. Miss Sarah Epps, 20
17. Miss Peggie Randolph, 10
18. J. B. Bass, 10
19. James H. Binford, 24
20. Mrs. H. C. Robinson, 20
21. Sarah J. Brown, 10
22. R. S. Gardner, 10
23. J. A. Jackson, 10
24. Thomas S. Hucless, 10
25. Mrs. Thomas Briggs, 10
26. Miss M. L. Chiles, 10
27. Mrs. Wm. Monroe, 10
28. Miss Elvora Taylor, 10
29. Miss M. L. Butler, 10
30. J. H. Jackson, 10
31. Mrs. Alex Gordon, 10
32. W. J. Wells, 10
33. Mrs. Dr. S. B. Hill, 10
34. Miss L. Ruby Crawford, 10
35. Charles Primus, 10
36. M. L. Jones, 10
37. Charles Godwin, 10
38. A. A. Wilson, 10
39. Mrs. John T. Carpenter, 10
40. Mrs. M. Chamberlayne, 10
41. E. C. Brown, 10
42. A. F. Angel, 66
43. John W. Robinson, 10
44. James M. Harrison, 10
45. Mrs. Maria Jackson, 10
46. Mrs. M. V. Chase, 10
47. Jerry M. Thompkins, 10
48. Miss T. A. F. Whiting, 10
49. Mrs. R. N. Lumpkins, 10
50. Mrs. M. E. Payne, 10
51. Mrs. Lucy C. Lewis, 10
52. Miss M. B. Holmes, 10
53. B. M. Smith, 10
54. Willis Cunningham, 10
55. Miss Ella Hill, 10
56. Miss Ella Scott, 10
57. J. D. Bland, 10
58. Miss Janet Taylor, 10
59. Mrs. Rachel W. Farrar, 10
60. T. C. Glover, 10
61. Mrs. Martha Johnson, 10
62. Miss Maria A. Jones, 10
63. Mrs. Mary J. Cary, 10
64. Mrs. Hannah Johnson, 10
65. John N. Elliot, 10
66. L. G. Gilmer, 10
67. Dr. G. A. Thompson, 10
68. David B. Allen, 10
69. Miss Rosa Hunt, 10
70. Henry Omohundre, 10
71. Miss Lizzie E. Woolridge, 10
72. Mrs. J. M. Farley, 10

At Rest.

ALLEN—Departed this life Friday April 20th, John Fleming Allen, in the full triumph of the faith. He was a sufferer for sixteen months and he bore his sickness with christian zeal. His funeral took place from the 4th Baptist Church at which he was a member for a large number of years. He leaves a wife and five children to mourn their loss.

A precious one from us has gone, A voice we loved is still, A place is vacant in our home, Which never can be filled.

His Wife

LOUISA ALLEN.

ELLIS—Died at her residence, 707 W. Leigh St., after an illness of three weeks' duration in the 23rd year of her age. Mrs. Mollie Ellis, the beloved wife of Wise Ellis, Sunday April 22nd at 8:05 o'clock A. M. Her funeral took place Tuesday evening from the Second Baptist Church of which she was a member. She was also a member of K. D. I. O. Court of Calanthe who were out to pay respect to her remains. The deceased lived a consistent christian life and died in the full assurance of faith in Christ. Rev. Z. D. Lewis preached a very excellent sympathetic sermon on her good qualities. Pall bearers were: Captains W. A. Hankins and W. S. Cowan, Messrs. Charles Johnson and Thomas M. Crump. Active: Messrs. A. P. Quarles, Monroe Jones, D. J. Farrar, Sidney Voten, W. R. Coats and A. C. Coats.

The casket was black cloth-covered with silver mounted handles. The floral designs were numerous and costly. Funeral director A. D. Price officiated.

On to Lynchburg, Va.

PORTSMOUTH, VA., April 24, '94. The Virginia Baptist State Convention meets with the Diamond Hill Baptist Church, May 9, 1894 at 9 A. M. Every Baptist Church should represent by letter and delegate. The work of Home and Foreign Missions demand the liberal support of all within our bounds. Our dear friends, the Church Building and Bible Publication work must be more liberally supported than heretofore. Our demands are great this year, therefore it is earnestly hoped that no church nor church-aid society, nor association will fail to contribute to the work and to every department thereof.

All persons who expect to attend the Convention should notify Rev. Alex. Gordon at once. His address is Lynchburg, Va.

REDUCED RATES.

Reduced rates over the following roads have been secured, viz.—Norfolk and Western, Chesapeake and Ohio and Western. Tickets on sale May 8th, 9th, and 10th, 1894.

Yours for the work,

JOHN W. KIRBY,

Cor. Secretary.

### The Governor Refused to Interfere Here.

The Supreme Court Judge Declined to Grant the Writ.

DEATH WAS THE RESULT.

White and Robinson, the two colored men convicted at the trial of outrageous assault upon a respectable lady and sentenced to suffer the extreme penalty of the law will be hanged to day, both the Governor and the Supreme Court of Appeals having refused to interfere.

Pressure was brought to bear on the Governor to secure commutation of sentence, but yesterday telegraphed as follows to Mr. George Round, who presented one of the petitions for Executive clemency: "Have given careful consideration to petition for commutation of sentence of White and Robinson, but I can find no statement of facts to justify Executive clemency. The crime was a horrible one, the trial was fair, so far as I am concerned, and the law must take its course."

NO WRIT OF ERROR.

Yesterday the condemned men through their counsel, J. H. Gre of Alexandria, applied to Judge Pauntleroy, of the Supreme Court for a writ of error and supersedeas, but it was refused.

The colored men must, therefore, be hanged to-day.

The Governor, speaking of the case yesterday afternoon, said he had granted one respite, but no further had developed to warrant his further interference. The crime was the worst that could be committed. For the Executive to exercise clemency in such cases except on the strongest grounds would be to encourage a mob spirit. It will be remembered that military had to be sent to Manassas from Alexandria to protect Robinson and White during their trial.

REMOVED TO PRINCE WILLIAM.

An Alexandria special of yesterday to the Dispatch says: The Prisoners White and Robinson, held here under sentence of death, to be executed at Manassas to-morrow, have been removed to Prince William jail, preliminary to their execution. The Prisoners White and Robinson, having become entirely satisfied that it was safe to remove the prisoners from Alexandria to Prince William jail, they arrived here last night. The prisoners were utterly demoralized, wept an amented bitterly their fate. White's knees could scarcely carry him, and he had to be supported to the stairs. It is deemed certain that as the execution of the law upon these men is now beyond doubt, there will be no trouble at Prince William Court-house, and that on tomorrow that law will be successfully vindicated.

THE SCAFFOLD READY.

A letter from our Manuscript says: The scaffold has been erected, and a fence of high is now being built. The reports that have been from this place to the effect that the prisoners were to be hanged at night and that the scaffold was to be erected at night, are all untrue. It is deemed certain that as the execution of the law upon these men is now beyond doubt, there will be no trouble at Prince William Court-house, and that on tomorrow that law will be successfully vindicated.

Bring your job-work to the Planer office. It will be neatly and cheaply executed.

FT. ROBINSON NEBRASKA, APR. 22.

Special to the PLANET:

The first game of ball took place here today between the 9th Cavalry and 8th Infantry boys. The former winning by a score of 23 to 9 in favor of the cavalry boys. The boys on both sides did fine playing, but owing to the inefficiency of Sergeant Gaines of E Company the decisions were rendered very unjust; but we hope by the next game we may have umpires who are available of their duty.

JOHN S. LOUD,

Literary and Athletic Club.

We are still issuing prize tickets. All workers can secure a prize.

ROPER—Died Sunday morning, April 22, 1894, Joshua G. Roper in the 84th year of his age.

Funeral took place April 23rd at 11 o'clock from 25th Street M. E. Church.

Do you owe for your paper? This is the question and \$1.60 will settle it.

Revival at St. Marks Church.

At St. Mark's M. E. Church, (481 street, New York City), we are holding our gospel campaign. A number of souls are flocking to Christ. We have services three times a day—from 12 to 1 and from 3:30 to 5 p. m., and from 8 to 10 p. m. The work is wonderful. The work has been greatly inspired by the affiliation of the city pastors and likewise God is pouring his blessing upon us. Rev. C. T. Walker, D. D., from Augusta, Ga., Rev. E. Lyon, pastor in charge.

The closing exercises of Springfield School, Hanover Co., Va., of which Miss Virginia E. Randolph is teacher took place Friday evening, April 20, at 8:30 P. M. The programme which consisted of dialogues and recitations and select reading was fine. The prelude by Miss C. Alviria Nash of Richmond, captivated the audience, also solo by Misses Annie McAllister, Mary A. Hickman, Mary Peebles and Jeremiah Scott. Mr. W. H. Trent of the Ebenezer B. S. S. deserves much credit for the selection of the music. Miss Emma J. Randolph presided at the organ.

Among those present were Misses Martha A. Wiggall, Julia Jenkins, Mary J. Grant, Mrs. Perkins, Messrs. George A. James, Samuel Turner, James H. Taylor, D. D. Smith, Charles Matthews, Fred Ryland, John J. Baker, James D. Scott, James T. Brown and Leese Johnson all of Richmond.

Have you paid your subscription,

### CELEBRATION.

LEXINGTON, VA., April 12, 1894. Through the March wind and April rain the people of Lexington did not fail to enjoy the 29th year of their freedom which was made known to them April 9th, 1865 at Appomattox C. H., Va.

Monday night last you could see immense crowds of anxious people waiting their way towards Drums House Hall, Main St. and at 8 p. m. the hall was crowded from pit to dome. Able addresses were made by Rev. Gurnes, of Randolph St. M. E. Church, Rev. W. T. Johnson, of 1st Baptist Church, Prof. E. D. White, R. E. Alexander, J. A. Pettigrew and H. A. Adams and many others.

Just over the way was a table groined under its load of eatables of the season, and at 12 o'clock we were ushered in the spacious dining room where we all partook heartily. Then they retired to their several homes feeling refreshed our 29 years of progress.

Committee, H. A. JIMMERSON, B. H. SOWLEY, Mrs. M. A. JONES, M. BROWN, Chairman Miss N. H. WOODBINE, Secretary.

St. James and Lehigh Sts., Cor. of St. Philip and Lehigh Sts., Rev. J. W. Johnson, Rector.

Tomorrow, the fifth Sunday after Easter, there will be divine services at our church at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. At the morning service the Rector's theme will be "Pure Religion," James 1:27.

At night he will take as his topic, "God's jealousy for Zion," Zechariah 8:2-3. Our choir is now well trained so that those who attend may take part in and enjoy good singing. A most cordial welcome to every-body.

Buy the prize tickets of the ticket-sellers. You help them and yourself too.

The New Publishing Co.

Judge E. C. Minor, of the Law and Equity Court on the 21st inst., granted a charter to the Virginia Publishing Company. The purpose for which the company is formed is to publish a weekly paper to be known as the Virginia Baptist; also for the purpose of conducting a general printing business. The capital stock shall not be less than \$500, nor more than \$5,000, divided into shares of \$25 each. The officers for the first year are Z. D. Lewis, president; G. W. Hayes, Lynchburg, vice-president; James H. Hayes, secretary; J. E. Jones, treasurer. The directors are the above and D. Webster Davis, S. E. Griggs and W. F. Graham.

A Colored Man's Fury.

DUNNVILLE, VA., April 19. A shooting of the kind occurred about three miles east of Dunnville, Va., on the 19th inst.

Robert Wheeler, a colored preacher, shot from ambush his father-in-law, John Atkins. Last evening the two men had a difficulty and Wheeler went home and got his gun and hid in the bushes where he thought Atkins would pass but he did not while he was there. This morning Wheeler took his same stand and when Atkins came along the infuriated preacher emptied the contents of his long single barrel gun in his father-in-law's shoulder. Seeing his mistake he completed his work drew his pistol and shot him through the arm. Neighbors heard the firing and several came out in time to keep Atkins from reloading another shot.

He was taken to his home. A physician was summoned; dressed the wounds, and pronounced the one in the shoulder very serious. Wheeler is in jail.

FOR SALE CHEAP:—A First class Upright Piano. Call at 419 N. 8th street.

Fulton Notes.

The Rising Mt. Zion Sunday School regrets very much that Rev. H. W. Chiles, J. W. Patterson and O. T. Harris of the Theological Seminary will soon leave this city, as they have worked so faithfully among them.

Revs. Chiles and Patterson made their farewell addresses to the school last Sunday.

The speeches were very enthusiastic. Last Sunday at 3:30 p. m., Rev. Chiles preached his farewell sermon. It was very instructive, and long to be remembered. His hearers were well pleased and they speak very highly of him.

Johnny, the son of Mr. Cannon Taylor was caught by a brick machine and badly hurt.

Chicago has the latest great wonder. He is a colored man who sings bass and soprano at the same time and arranges for alto by means of a large ball, from the walls of which he causes the other two voices result to make a complete trio. He is astonishing the medical men, as well he may.

MECHANICVILLE, VA.—The public school of this place held its closing exercises on the 16th ult. in Free Union Baptist Church which was the grandest ever witnessed on such an occasion in this village. The pupils were nicely clad and wore beautiful bouquets of flowers and as the Church was so nicely decorated with flowers, this added much to the spring season. The dialogues and recitations delivered by the school were excellent. Indeed, both patrons and pupils stood in high terms of praise. Mr. Jackson, principal and Mrs. Jackson, teacher, both of whom are well known in this better half of the county, the advancement of the school during the term has been remarkable and great credit is due to our teachers to whom we made many presents. Deacon A. Carter and Rev. Wm. Jasper delivered the closing address which was good. They complimented the teachers and school with much honor.

Another Colored Man Lynched.

SAVANNAH, GA. April 24.—Bob Everett (colored), who assaulted a white girl, aged ten, near Jamaica, a few days ago, was lynched Sunday night by a crowd of one hundred whites and negroes. He confessed his crime. After being strung up he was killed with bullets.

### Doings at Oberlin College.

OBERLIN, O. April, 20th '94.—EDITOR PLANET: My Dear Sir:—

Knowing as I do, the great interest with which your valuable journal is read, and how anxious the people of the state are to know of the success of her young men who are striving to educate themselves, I have thought it well to let you bear from this great college, (Oberlin). Virginia has probably finished producing Presidents for the Land of the Free, and the Home of the Brave. But her work is by no means ended. In the halls and classrooms of the most prominent institutions of learning, her black sons are immortalizing their names.

Last Friday night at the Annual Declaration contest of Oberlin College, W. L. Washington, of Lexington, Va. took first place, and A. W. Williams, of Norfolk, Va. carried off the honors of the second.

There were four white contestants, they did well, but the judges, the President of the college, Dean of the Seminary, and a Professor of the same decided that the worthy Sons of Virginia did better.

The large concert hall was crowded to its utmost capacity. The places which followed the announcement of the decision of the judges was such as had never been witnessed here. As the victorious young Virginians left the hall, they were escorted to Muses' Dining Parlor by a number of their student friends and all were served with refreshments, during which time Mr. D. H. V. Funnell of Baltimore acting as Toast Master, called upon Mr. D. Crockett Moon to respond to the toast, "Virginia's Future", which he did, being equal to the occasion.

Then Mr. W. H. Dwyer of Washington responded to the toast, "our young men" which elicited much applause. The Toast Master, after reading a poem dedicated to the honored gentlemen, announced that time would not allow others to respond. It was a most enjoyable event.

Space will not permit us to mention the names of those present, but nearly every Southern State was represented. Of the 1700 students here only 26 are colored.

Your paper is read here with much interest, and it is our prayer that you may live long to defend the rights of the race.

JOHN W. HARRIS.

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